

the State of Montana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, with an amendment;

S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California;

S. 2622, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, with an amendment;

H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1964, to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives;

H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site; and

H.R. 4516, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to

advance high-end computing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee began markup of S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, but did not complete action thereon, and recess subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of S. 333, to promote elder justice and the nomination of J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States efforts to assist the Iraqi people the Iraqi Interim Government, focusing on the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF), national elections in Iraq, security and law enforcement, oil infrastructure and capacity, economic development, debt relief, accelerating Iraqi employment, democracy and governance, and legislative requirements, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Schlicher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Joseph W. Bowab, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Foreign Assistance Programs and Budget, Bureau of Resource Management, both of the Department of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5079–5103; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104–105; and H. Res. 776 were introduced. **Pages H7233–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7234–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 108–687, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 4794, to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to

extend the authorization of appropriations (H. Rept. 108–688, Pt. 1). **Page H7233**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bradley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7193**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. **Page H7193**

Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5025, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. The bill

was also considered yesterday, September 14. Consideration will continue during the legislative week of September 20. **Pages H7195–H7210**

Agreed yesterday, September 14, to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments.

Agreed to:

Capito amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of September 14) that prohibits the use of funds to use private companies to collect overdue federal taxes; **Pages H7200–03**

Istook amendment that reduces funding for the Federal Buildings Fund; and **Page H7207**

Brown of Ohio amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Council of Economic Advisers to produce an Economic Report of the President regarding the inclusion of employment at a retail fast food restaurant as part of the definition of manufacturing employment. **Pages H7207–08**

Rejected:

Hefley amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of September 13) that sought to reduce total funding in the bill by one percent (by a recorded vote of 69 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 455); and **Pages H7199–H7200, H7210**

Moran of Virginia amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out, enter into, or renew any contract under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, which provides for a health savings account or a health reimbursement account (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 456).

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Withdrawn:

Gutierrez amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to take any action to enforce the rules submitted by the Comptroller of the Currency relating to banking activities, published at 69 Fed. Reg. 1895 and Fed. Reg. 1904; and **Pages H7196–99**

Butterfield amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds to pay administrative expenses to State and local departments of transportation that do not recognize a certification of a disadvantaged business enterprise by any other State. **Page H7199**

H. Res. 770, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, September 14.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 17; and further that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H7213**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 22. **Page H7213**

Joint Meeting To Receive His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time of Thursday, September 23 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting, His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. **Page H7213**

Meeting Hour—Thursday, September 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 23. **Page H7213**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the thanks of the House and the Nation for the contributions to freedom made by American POW/MIAs: H. Res. 771, expressing the thanks of the House of Representatives and the Nation for the contributions to freedom made by American POW/MIAs on National POW/MIA Recognition Day. **Pages H7214–17**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7193.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7235.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7210 and H7210–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY—REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE RESPECTING THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported unfavorably H. Res. 745, Of inquiry requesting the President of the United States to provide certain information to the House of Representatives respecting the National Energy Policy Development Group.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ISSUES: A CONSUMER'S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a